MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Since the examination is over, may I know why the names of the examiners are still kept confidential ?

MR. S. N. URE : That is confidential. I do not know why they should not be kept confidential.

Physical Fitness.

207. ***MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR :** With reference to the statement at page 6 of the Administration Report of the Public Service Department, 1116, to the effect that out of 948 candidates advised for recruitment only 368 were found to be physically fit, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Government have enquired as to why 239 candidates did not appear for medical examination ;

(*b*) whether any fees were realised from the candidates for medical examination;

(*c*) out of the 341 candidates reported to be physically unfit, whether any of the candidates and if so, how many were subsequently advised to be recruited;

(*d*) whether they were certified as physically fit ;

(*e*) the procedure that is followed when medical examination is arranged for ;

(*f*) when a candidate advised for recruitment was reported to be physically unfit, whether the vacancy for which the advice was made, was filled up by a candidate of the same community or by one belonging to the next community in the order of rotation ; and

(*g*) whether there is any rule that a candidate's name can be registered for only one post ?

MR. S. N. URE : It could be seen from page 6 of the Administration Report, that the figure 948 represents the number of candidates whose medical examination was arranged for and not the number advised for recruitment, as stated in the question.

(*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) They have not been advised for recruitment to positions for which physical fitness is a qualification.

(*d*) In view of the answer to part (*c*) this does not arise.

(*e*) In consultation with the Surgeon-General, a specified number of hospitals at convenient centres in the State have been fixed as places of examination. Every week a particular day is set apart for the medical examination of candidates. Lists of candidates are sent periodically to the Medical Officers direct by the Public Service Commissioner. The lists will show the positions applied for by each candidate and the physical requirements prescribed in the Public Service Recruitment Rules. The candidates are informed by the Public Service Commissioner of the time and place of medical examination sufficiently early. The Medical Officer will, after examination, note in the list received from the Public Service Commissioner the height and chest girth of the candidate, his physical fitness, etc,. and return the list to the Public Service Commissioner.

(*f*) By a candidate of the same community, if available.

(*g*) There is no such rule now.

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